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1837 - 1840

ALFRED H. REIP HOUSE
Baltimore
semi-public

The Alfred H. Reip house located on the west side of North Greene between Fayette Street and Lexington Avenue, is a three-bay tall, three bay wide dwelling, constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond. At basement level a sallyport located north of the door runs between this structure and its neighbor (106 N. Greene Street). A dressed stone water table divides the basement area from the first story. The recessed entrance with replacement door is highlighted by a semi-circular wood transom surrounded by a single row of brick voussoirs and a well-worn marble sill. The southern and central bays contain replacement sash but retain architraved surrounds, flat-arched brick lintels and projecting dressed stone sills. The second and third story windows are similarly detailed.

A gable-roofed, pedimented dormer, centrally located on the asphalt-shingled roof, possesses 6/6 sash and Greek Revival trim of fluted pilasters and shallow cornice returns. Below the boxed wooden cornice of the main roof is a shallow blank frieze. Interior double end chimneys occur in the south gable facade.

The interior of this hall/double parlor house retains a modest amount of its original Greek Revival detail such as a semicircular, dentilled architrave which encloses the semicircular transom of the front door and the simple bracket step-ends of the stairway.

This house was built by Alfred Reip, a member of the Reip family of Baltimore, noted 19th century metalworkers.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Alfred H. Reip House

AND/OR COMMON

104 North Greene Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

104 North Greene Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

City

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State of Maryland for use by

Telephone #: 853-3683

STREET & NUMBER

University of Maryland

Office of University Planning, University of Maryland

CITY, TOWN

College Park

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20742

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore City Court House

Liber #: RHB 3445

Folio #: 657

STREET & NUMBER

Fayette and Calvert Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Alfred H. Reip House (104 N. Greene Street) located on the west side of North Greene Street between Fayette Street and Lexington Avenue, is a three-story tall, three-bay wide dwelling, constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond.

The basement level which rises about 1 ½ feet above the street grade is characterized by a small square window in the southern and central bays while a vertical boarded door is found in the northern bay. A 3' wide sallyport located to the north of the door runs westward between this structure and its neighbor (106 N. Greene Street) to the north. A dressed stone watertable divides the basement area from the first story.

A four-step wrought iron entrance stoop leads to the slightly recessed entrance located in the northern bay of the first story. The door, which is a 20th century replacement, is highlighted by a semicircular wooden transom surrounded by a single row of brick voussoirs and a well worn marble sill. The recessed entrance is sheathed in wood. Windows with 1/1 and 2/1 replacement sash are found in the southern and center bays respectively of the first story. Flat-arched brick lintels and projecting dressed stone sills define an architrave surround of both windows.

Three windows with 1/1 replacement sash occupy the corresponding openings of the second story. Again, these windows have flat-arched brick lintels and projecting dressed stone sills with an architraved surround.

On the third story, three slightly smaller windows, with 1/1 replacement sash define the three corresponding openings. Window decoration repeats the lintel sill and surround detail of the first and second story.

A gable-roofed pedimented dormer is centrally located on the asphalt-shingled roof. The dormer with 6/6 sash displays a Greek Revival trim with fluted pilasters and shallow cornice returns. Below the boxed wooden cornice of the main roof is a shallow blank frieze. Interior double end chimneys are located in the south gable facade.

INTERIOR:

Although most of the interior detail has been removed glimpses of decoration are still visible on the first floor.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history	

SPECIFIC DATES 1837-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dwelling located at 104 N. Greene Street was part of a 4-acre parcel of a tract of land called "Chatsworth" purchased in 1801 by David Forney from Daniel Lamont.¹ The 1810 and 1822-23 Baltimore City directories list Forney as a "merchant" and "gentleman" residing at the northwest corner of Greene and Fayette Streets. When he died in the 1820s (WB12/357) his will instructed Louisa, his wife, to sell at her discretion all his vacant lots.

Land records research indicates that Louisa Forney sold to Alfred H. Reip in 1837 a vacant lot on the west side of N. Greene Street measuring 21 ft. in width and 100 ft. in depth adjacent to the dwelling of the late Stephen Grove.² In an agreement between Sarah Grove, his widow, and Alfred Reip, he secured the rights to build against the south wall of her two-story brick house but he was forbidden to insert window, door or other openings along the north gable wall of his house.³

The 1840 Baltimore City Director lists Alfred H. Reip as a tinner with a shop located at 267 Baltimore Street and a residence on North Greene St. two doors north of Fayette Street, thus securing a construction date between 1837 and 1840.

The Reip family of Baltimore were noted 19th century metal workers. As a manufacturer of plain and Japanned tinware, Alfred worked with his father and brothers under the name of Reip and Sons. A second or perhaps later store is listed at 335 West Baltimore Street. Although undoubtedly many of their products are still in existence, one known example was found in Talbot County. In the kitchen wing at Fairview (T-60), an early 1800s estate near Easton, is an oven with a nameplate ascribing it to L.J. Reip, Baltimore.

The Reip House and its neighbor to the immediate north (106 N. Greene St.) currently operate as a half-way house and center for drug abuse. The house, although poorly maintained by the University of Maryland, contains a modest amount of its original interior Greek Revival trim on the first floor.

¹Baltimore Land Records WG 66/669

²Baltimore Land Records TK 268/405

³Baltimore Land Records TK 278/326

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

December 1979

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Description cont.--The Alfred H. Reip House
104 North Greene Street

The interior door surround of the main entrance, while partially blocked in, features a curious Greek Revival trim, triglyph panels surmounted by a series of cornice moldings flank the doorway. The transom, which springs from the top of these moldings is outlined by a flat, semi-circular wooden strip interfaced with a single row of dentils. A one-run, open-string stair located along the north wall of the hallway leads to the second floor. It is characterized by a simple Victorian newel post, plain balusters and handrail as well as simple bracket steps. Two balusters define each run. The area under the stairway is paneled with vertical insets.

CHAIN OF TITLE

104 North Greene Street
4-7-616-33

RHB 3445/657 2/22/1977 Deed	From Henry M., Ruth J. Schott to the State of Maryland, The University of Maryland.
JFC 1036/343 3/14/1961 Deed	From Sidney A., Phillip Needle to Henry M., Ruth J. Schott.
MLP 8669/296 12/28/1951 Deed	From Simon Needle Corporation to Sidney A. and Philip Needle.
MLP 7227/324 10/3/1947 Deed	From Richard T. Owens, Simon Needle to Simon Needle Corporation.
SCL 3057/476 6/23/1916 Deed	From Simon Needle to Richard T. Owens, Simon Needle.
SCL 3057 6/23/1916 Deed	From Benjamin, Mary Schwartz to Simon Needle.
SCL 2780/312 11/19/1912 Deed	From Benjamin Voloshen to Benjamin Schwartz, Simon Needle.
SCL 2755/326 7/16/1912 Deed	From Benjamin Voloshen to Benjamin Schwartz, Adolph Kress.

Missing Gap in Title

TK 268/405 4/17/1837 Lease	<p>From Louisa Forney to Alfred H. Reip. At the time of David Forney's death (Will dated 12/14/1821, WB 12/357) the property was vacant and unimproved and intended to be demised and leased.</p> <p>"Beginning on the West side of Greene Street called Union Street 104' South from a stone planted at the East of Division between Daniel Lamont and David Forney on the West side of Greene Street, beginning at the Southeast corner of the lot of ground that by deed (12/17/1837, TK 265/461) was granted and conveyed by Louisa Forney to Sally Grove and running West bounding on the said lot and paralleling with Division Line of aforesaid 100' to an alley 2' wide, then South paralleling Union Street 21' then East 100', including the privilege to said Alfred H. Reip....to build over said alley against the South Gable Wall of the late Stephen Grove's</p>
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104 North Greene Street

brick house erected on said adjoining lot above the first story.

TK 278/326
Agreement
4/18/1832

Agreement between Sally Grove and Alfred H. Reip
..."Alfred H. Reip shall and will in the erection of this completed dwelling house remove at his or their cost and expense the earth so as to let down the future thoroughfare by or through said alley to a level with the cellar or basement storey of his said house which basement storey is to be at least of the height of 6' in the clear and at its termination upward to range or be upon a level with the present grade of Greene Street or as nearly so as practicable and he or they shall have the right and privilege of building over said alley so to be let down and constructed aforesaid against and upon the South wall of the two storey brick house belonging to the said parties hereto of the first part but neither he nor his representatives shall leave any windows, doors or other openings along the North Gable Wall of his front house aforesaid or the back building or buildings to be constructed....

W. LEXINGTON STREET

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843

PEARL

N. GREENE
ST. LOTS 844

CHICAGO AVE

616

8005

N. GREENE STREET

DIAMOND ST.

FIRE HOUSE

617

N. PACA STREET

W. FAYETTE STREET

TUERK
HOUSE

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Alfred Reip

W FAYETTE ST. LOTS

848

WESTMINSTER
CHURCH

TRAILER
COMPLEX

SCHOOL OF LAW

813

UNIVERSITY.

PARKING GARAGE

834 NO. 2

PARKING

629

N. GREENE ST. PARKING

W. BALTIMORE ST
PARKING

818

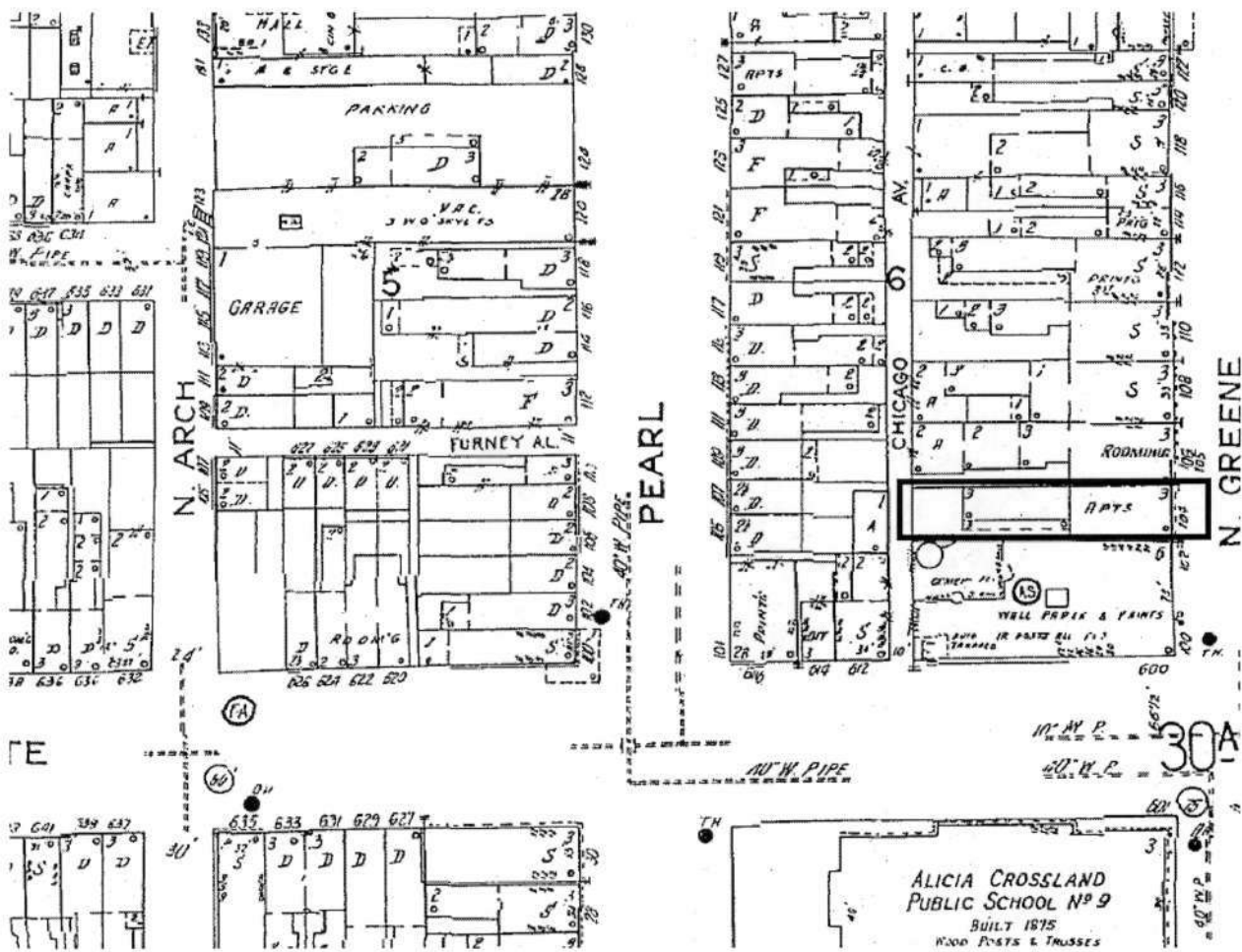
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104 N. Greene Street

Baltimore

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104 NORTH GREENE STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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STREET FACADE (EAST)



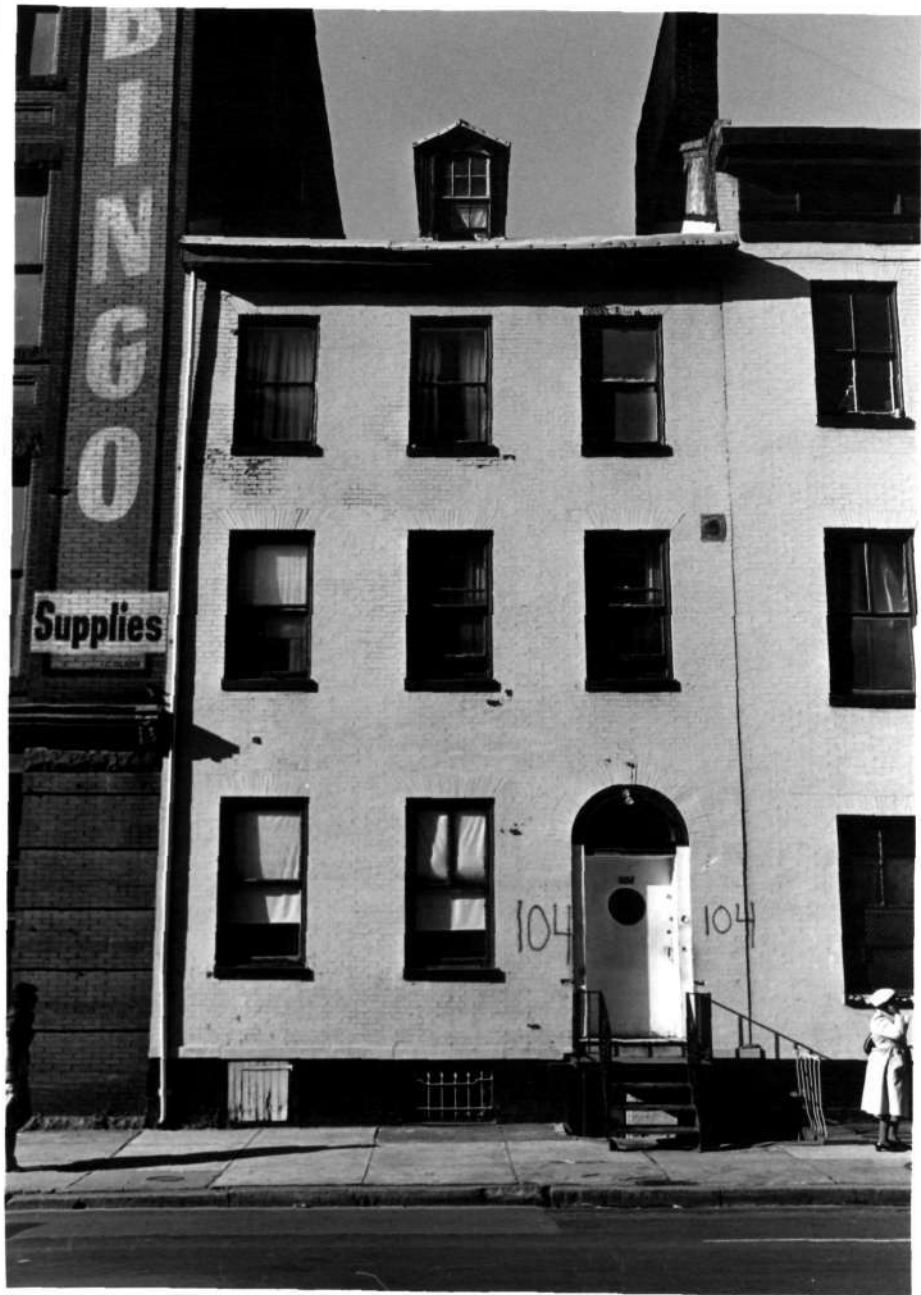
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104-106 NORTH GREENE STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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ALLEY FACADE (WEST), 104 (RIGHT), 106 (LEFT)

CHIMNEY TO LEFT OF DORMER ON 104
ON Foe SCHOOL ACROSS GREENE STREET



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Alfred H. Reip house

104 North Greene Street, Baltimore, MD
1837-40.

East facade.

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E. Coxe



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Alfred H. Reip house

104 N. Greene St., Baltimore, MD

1837-40

Interior: stair detail.

12/79 E. Coxe